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FAR EAST CHIEFS OF STATION CONFERENCE
BRIEFING OUTLINE

Introduction:

The importance of the Far East, especially Communist China and Southeast Asia, to the policy makers in Washington need not be stressed. You are as aware as we of the keen and continuing interest of the White House, State and Defense in events in this area.

By means of National Intelligence Estimates, the President's Daily Brief, the Current Intelligence Bulletin and special Intelligence Memoranda we attempt to keep the policy levels informed of those current events and developments which will affect their decisions.

However, it is not always easy to anticipate the direction in which their interests turn and the specific nature of their requests to us for intelligence facts or judgments.

This in turn makes it somewhat difficult for us to outline to collectors, well in advance and in precise terms, the exact intelligence information we will need to satisfy these policy level requests.

Nevertheless, we can anticipate many of the needs for intelligence support of policy levels and program our research and production effort accordingly.

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Therefore, rather than belabor you with an encyclopedic account of our requirements for information during the next hour, I will:

- a. highlight the substantive focus of the research and production effort of the Intelligence Directorate on the countries of this area;
- b. review the contributions of various collection systems to this effort and some of the soft spots in Clandestine Services reporting;
- c. briefly explain some steps we are taking to improve substantive guidance to collectors in light of last year's I.G. Survey on Collection Requirements.

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